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Watchdog praises council efficiency

by Dick Townsend-Smith

GREENWICH Council has been praised for the way it manages and spends its money.

The praise has come from an independent watchdog which monitors the way councils manage public money.

A report by the Audit Commission said Greenwich Council was good with your money.

Now the council's efficiency means the Council Tax could be frozen again next year - the eighth time in 14 years.

It followed a report by independent District Auditor Susan Exton who carried out an annual review to measure Greenwich Council's performance, and awarded top-end marks for what she found.

She said: "The council manages its overall budget effectively. The council has a strong financial planning process. Budget setting processes are robust. Stakeholder engagement on financial matters is effective and spending reflects

Work starts on Woolwich leg of new London rail link



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In my opinion

Help make life cool for cats



AS an animal lover who is particularly fond of cats, I got involved with Cats Protection Greenwich nearly two years ago by taking on the role as publicity officer with my husband Graham.

We wanted to do our bit for such a terrific charity and whilst we can't adopt any more cats (down to our cat Bella demanding she is the head of the house!), we can put our communication skills to good use. Our focus is developing and maintaining the Cats Protection Greenwich website which is a key communication tool to help raise awareness of Greenwich's cats and kittens looking for loving homes. It's also the first place to read about lost and found cats in the borough, how to care for cats and support Cats Protection. The website was relaunched on November 11 and I am really pleased with the new look and feel. The site is easy to use and navigate and includes photographs, key information and a brief description of all our furry companions looking to be re-homed.

I must admit

the future of Cats Protection Greenwich would look a lot rosier if we had more cat fosterers. We've currently got a waiting list of cats to be taken in for re-homing. The cats are not kept in shelters but live in secure, heated pens in the fosterer's gardens. New fosterers complete a trial period by fostering cats in their spare room to make sure that this important and rewarding role works for all parties. So if you think you can help we'd like to hear from you!

And don't forget cats and kittens are not just for Christmas so it's important to bear in mind the costs of cover vet bills, flea and worming treatments and food. With the current economic situation, more and more cats and kittens are being abandoned and it's heart breaking to read about mistreatment or cruelty. But you can help by giving the cats and kittens a second chance at life. To re-home a cat or kitten or find out how you can help, visit www.catsgn.org.uk or call the Cats Protection Greenwich Helpline on 020 8853 8666.

Jenny Penn

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Great Harry arsonist gets four years

A 16-year-old from Abbey Wood has been sentenced to four years in a centre for young offenders, after he set the Great Harry Pub on fire during the disorder in Woolwich in August.

The teenager, who can not be named for legal reasons, was sentenced at Inner London Crown Court.

He was arrested on August 22 after handing himself in at Plumstead police station; detectives from Plumstead had visited his address on various occasions, after receiving information from the public. It followed GT stories appealing for information on riot suspects. The teenager was charged on August 23 when police officers confronted him with CCTV images of his actions which resulted in £3.5 million worth of damage.

He appeared at Inner London Crown Court in September, pleading guilty to arson and being reckless as to whether life is endangered. He also admitted violent disorder and burglary of the Money Shop in Woolwich but denied arson with intent to endanger life.

He was remanded in secure accommodation until his hearing on the December 2.

Detectives from Greenwich analysed hours of CCTV, including images relating to the teenager. The footage shows the 16-year-old breaking a piece of wood from a pallet in General Gordon Square, wrapping some material around it and turning it into a torch using a fire already started nearby. The youth can be seen walking in the Great Harry pub in Wellington Street, Woolwich,

with his torch and walking out without it. The pub is subsequently engulfed in flames. Afterwards he goes on to commit a burglary in the Money Shop in Greens End with a group of people.

Officer in the case acting Police Sergeant Mark Gilchrist said: "The damage left the local community in Woolwich filled with dismay by the level of vandalism and disorder that took place that night. It is needless to say that the teenager's action could have cost someone's life. It was pure luck that nobody died in that fire".

Greenwich Borough Commander Richard Wood added: "I am extremely pleased with the result of the investigation. I hope that the public in Woolwich will feel that justice has been served."

Fine dining!

Tasteful view at student-run restaurant

by Dick Townsend-Smith

CHRISTMAS comes early for the 50 catering and hospitality students at the Shooters Hill Post-16 Campus.

During the last two weeks of term they are busy serving Christmas lunches to members of the public in their 45-seat City View restaurant. And at £19.50 per head for a top quality meal, most days in December are already fully booked.

They expect to get through 60 kilos of rolled turkey breast - all delivered fresh - and 180 individual Christmas puddings, which they started making a month ago.

It is open to members of the public between noon and 1.15pm from Tuesdays to Fridays during term time, with three courses at £7.45, two courses at £6.20 and one course for £4.65.

Every Thursday evening the restaurant becomes a mecca for candlelit fine dining. The campus in Red Lion Lane offers courses in hospitality and catering at NVQ Levels 1, 2 and 3, as well as higher-level diplomas in hospitality.

Apart from getting first-hand experience of customers in the college restaurant, students also get work experience of dealing with customers at outside venues, such as the Tudor Barn in Eltham.

Level 2 catering student Ben Day, 18, from Charlton told GT: "It's really good when the restaurant is busy. I like

talking to the customers, and some of them ask me if they could have the recipe because it was so nice. I also tell them how I prepared it.

"I get a thrill when I get a good review on the feedback cards we give them. My favourite is preparing pastry and deserts, and I want to get an apprenticeship as a pastry chef when I leave."

Chloe Adams, 16, from Slade Green started her Level 1 NVQ this year. She said: "I like the catering, and the favourite thing I've cooked so far is ratatouille. The customers enjoy what we do, and we get compliments back from them."

● To book a table at the City View, call 020-8319 9790.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE: (top) catering student Amy Shaheen cooks up a storm in the kitchen, and above, the restaurant layout with the panoramic views from which it takes its name

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Crossrail on track

WORK on the new Crossrail station in Woolwich is progressing on schedule.

It's the latest development in the borough's part of the £14.8 billion project that will link Maidenhead in the west to Abbey Wood in the east.

The scheme is set to provide a high-speed link to major destinations such as Heathrow Airport.

Woolwich was included in the scheme after a high profile

campaign led by Greenwich Council. The site at Woolwich Arsenal was cleared earlier this year ready for construction work on the underground box that will house the station. Work on that is due to begin in January, however, funding to turn the box into a station has yet to be finalised.

Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford and the Leader of Greenwich Council, Cllr Chris Roberts, paid a visit to

the site last Wednesday to check on progress. Cllr Roberts said: "It is crucial for our borough that the funding for the Woolwich Crossrail station is finalised. This is an absolutely essential project for Greenwich and its residents. A Woolwich Crossrail station will not only create new jobs and new business, but it will also provide more efficient travel for local people working outside the borough, and for people commuting into Greenwich."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: Cllr Roberts and Nick Raynsford get a close up view of the Woolwich Crossrail site

Don't get bitten by loan sharks

PEOPLE in the borough with money problems are being warned not to fall victim to unscrupulous 'loan sharks' who charge outrageous interest rates, leaving borrowers even deeper in debt.

The warning comes from council Trading Standards officers concerned about leaflets which are currently circulating the borough. They're concerned that some residents maybe tempted to take out an easy-to-obtain loan. But they run the risk of missing the 'small print' information about interest rates and penalties.

Greenwich Council's Trading Standards team cannot take

any action against these sorts of loan companies, providing they are acting within the law. Instead, the council recommends that people should approach reputable lenders such as Greenwich Credit Union, a financial co-operative monitored and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. It is based in Thomas Street, Woolwich, and offers small low-interest loans to people who either live or work the borough. The Credit Union was set up in March 1998, and is sponsored by Greenwich Council.

● For info call 020 8855 4344.

Tax rebate email scam

COUNCIL trading standards experts are warning residents about scam emails promising tax rebates.

The emails appear to come from HM Revenue & Customs and advise the recipients that they are due a repayment of overpaid tax. The email then asks recipients to complete an online application form

in order to get their refund. But trading standards says the HMRC would never send notification of tax rebates by email, or ask the public to disclose personal or payment information by email.

● Anyone who doubts an email they receive can forward it to HMRC to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk or visit hmrc.gov.uk

Watchdog praises council efficiency

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the priorities of residents. Its strong financial position enabled the council to freeze Council Tax and discretionary charges for 2009/10 at 2008/09 levels. The council has a good understanding of its costs and benchmarks itself effectively, particularly in education and young people. Service reviews in transport, adult social services and libraries have demonstrated an understanding of the cost drivers in key services. Efficiency savings for 2008/09 were comfortably achieved."

She also praised the way in which it goes about its everyday business, pointing to council strategies which enabled local businesses to tender for work boosting local employment.

Her report said: "The council has a strong public service ethos which is evident from its leadership arrangements and the commitment to providing better outcomes for local people. Risk management arrangements are

good and the council's counter fraud arrangements are very good. The counter fraud team has achieved a strong anti-fraud culture through effective training and publicity around prosecutions."

On the environment, she said: "The council has a good understanding of how it uses its natural resources and has an effective biodiversity action plan in place which has made its parks and open spaces environmentally sustainable. Asset management at the council is very good with the modernisation programme delivering regeneration of run-down areas using council assets and providing up to date office accommodation."

Council leader Chris Roberts proposed a Council Tax freeze at last Thursday's full council meeting. He told GT: "The District Auditor's assessment of the council is clearly an excellent outcome. It reflects our strong performance in the things that really matter to people and allows us to propose a freeze of Council Tax again next year."



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Litter is for bins, not the road

I WOULD like to warn other car users about the hazards of passing buses. Last Sunday, we were travelling in our car on Griffin Road and something hit our windscreen and fell on the road. There is a mark on the windscreen where it was hit by a tin can, thrown from a passing double decker bus. Please, people, the



road and pavement are not for your litter. There are rubbish bins

around, have patience, hold on to your litter until you see a bin or throw it away at home, let's keep our Plumstead beautiful! Thankfully, my husband had control of the car otherwise we could have hit one of the cars parked on the sides. Please be careful, especially as the festivities will be starting soon.

**Rizwana Khan,
Plumstead**

● WE heartily agree and remind people that anyone found to be littering runs the risk of a £75 fine.

Go to www.greenwich.gov.uk/info/200089/street_care_and_cleaning/803/clean_streets_where_you_can_report_people_dropping_litter

Where appropriate we'll pass on any details to Transport for London.

Ed

Show him respect, he's a Guide Dog

JUST over a year ago I qualified with my first Guide Dog Samson. In that year I've come to fear one thing and one thing only... cyclists!

Samson and I have had many a near miss with cyclists who seem to think it is perfectly acceptable to act as if we are not there.

We've had cyclists whizz by barely inches from Samson's nose. This is especially frightening when I'm crossing the road because a green man has come on, meaning that the red light is on for those on wheels!

We've had cyclists come up from behind us on the pavements and swerve directly in front of us. We've had cyclists cycling towards us, again on the

pavement, and demand that I move out of the way. I have shouted after them that they've nearly hit my guide dog, they have usually ignored me or as one charming cyclist did, flipped me the finger.

It should be fairly obvious that Samson is a Guide Dog. He's a dog, and he wears a bright white harness!

It really worries me that one day either myself or Samson are going to be hurt! Please do provide more cycle paths etc for cyclists.

But cyclists - please think about how you behave on your bike when you can see a Guide Dog and its owner trying to use the roads and pavements safely!

**Rachel Mentipty,
Eltham**

Very good - but what about the graffiti?

IT'S great that Greenwich Council has persuaded Network Rail to remove track-side litter in Greenwich and that a protocol is in place "to avoid future problems" (GT No 176, page 5). Does this mean we might soon see removal of the graffiti that disfigures

so much of the Greenwich line?
**Bob Carlisle,
Plumstead Common**

● A NETWORK Rail spokesperson said: "We recently carried out a litter pick in the area around Greenwich station. At the same time we also painted out as much of the graffiti

we could during the short amount of time available to our maintenance team when there are no trains running.

"We also have further works to tidy up the railway planned in advance of the Olympics next year.

"Litter and graffiti is an issue for infrastructure and land owners

across London. We will continue to take reasonable steps to keep the railway as clean and tidy as possible.

"Members of the public can report any issues concerning the railway to the Network Rail National Helpline, on 08457 11 41 41."

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley, so get writing! For information on ticket offers please visit www.cafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



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Marilyn Nichols, from Kidbrooke: I took this photo during my lunchtime walk in Greenwich Park. I've named it 'Olympic Torch arrives early in Greenwich!'

WIN! FAMILY TICKETS TO NUTCRACKER AT THE O2

GT has got a really cracking giveaway this week - **FIVE FAMILY TICKETS** to see the Nutcracker at The O2 on December 28. All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning is answer this question:

If someone uses excessive force, they are said to be using what to crack a nut?

- a) a piledriver
- b) a bulldozer
- c) a sledgehammer

Send answers on a postcard marked 'Nut comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW, or email the answer to: competitions@greenwich.gov.uk

● Family ticket is two adults and two children, OR one adult and three children for evening performance on December 28. Comp ends Dec 18.

The Nutcracker is on at The O2 from December 27-30. X Factor star Joe McElderry introduces. Tickets from £13. To book call 0844 856 0202 or go to www.theo2.co.uk



THE Turning of the Year concerts at Blackheath Halls saw almost 1,000 schoolchildren take to the stage last week.

Pupils from 32 primary schools in Greenwich and Lewisham sang at the music venue over four nights from December 5-8.

Seasonal and festive songs were the order of the day, with traditional standards Winter Wonderland and Give Us Hope on the bill alongside more contemporary numbers by Michael Jackson and Bob Dylan.

The concerts were a collaboration between the Greenwich and Lewisham music services, and the band that provided the backing music was made up of tutors from the two boroughs.

Greenwich's Jeff Barnes, who played guitar in the house band, and is also a member of legendary soul group Earth Wind and Fire, wrote the closing track for the concerts, called London Games (City of Dreams).

Lindsay Evernden, from Greenwich Music Service told GT: "It's gone really well, and the kids have been playing to packed houses every night. It's great to have the cross-borough partnership."

There was a track in the programme written by one of the schools in a song-writing competition.

● The grand finale takes place at The O2 this Thursday (December 15), when the massed ranks of Greenwich schoolchildren will be hoping to raise the roof. It kicks off at 4pm in the space next to the British Music Experience and is open to the public and free to attend.

Seasonal sing-song

Schools' end of year musical bash



SINGING FOR THE CHOIR: Boxgrove pupils get in the festive spirit at Blackheath Halls

Call for choirs!

LOCAL choirs are invited to spread some Christmas cheer by singing carols and raising money for charity at Greenwich Shopping Park in Bugsby's Way, Charlton throughout December. Those interested in performing should contact Elinor Evans on 02920 764 100. Visit www.greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk

Borough BRIEFS

Changes to bin collection days this Christmas

WEEKLY rubbish collections will take place a day later during the Christmas week.

If your normal day is a Wednesday, your refuse will be collected the following day, on the Thursday. But all collections during the first week of the new year, from Monday, January 2, will be held on the usual day of the week.

Look out for next week's Greenwich Time, when there will be a special feature on Greenwich Council's waste services, including details of where to recycle your natural Christmas tree.

● Sign up for an e-alert at www.greenwich.gov.uk/e-alert



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The Council has launched a new website!

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- clear buttons to carry out key tasks
- bigger search bar
- new A-Z
- RSS feeds
- searchable directories with maps
- new events listings calendar

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TfL issues 2012 travel info

TRANSPORT for London has published detailed travel information for next summer's Olympic Games. Roads in particular will be subject to changes, with Greenwich, Woolwich, and the Peninsula expected to be high impact areas for the duration of the Games until August 12. Weekday Tube passengers at North Greenwich are likely

to experience long waits in excess of 30 minutes in the evenings from July 30 until August 10. Morning travel should be largely unaffected during the period. Travellers on the DLR from Greenwich may experience half-hour waiting times from the early afternoon into the evening between July 30 and August 9. The morning

commute could also be the subject of 15-minute delays. Cutty Sark DLR station will not be in normal operation, and details of its usage have yet to be finalised. Woolwich Arsenal DLR station is not expected to experience significant disruption. Businesses are advised to plan around the information, and residents can check

how their journeys may be affected on the TfL website. TfL says that two thirds of Tube and DLR services and 70 per cent of road traffic in the capital will not be affected. ● For maps showing affected areas - including detailed 'hotspot' information on the worst-hit parts of London during Games time, go to www.tfl.gov.uk/2012

Tucked away on Shooters Hill is Shrewsbury House but finding it is more than worth the effort says PETER CORDWELL...



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY: Joanne Regan (left) and her dance class at Shrewsbury House



FIGHTING FIT: Joe and Sami Salih enjoy their Jujitsu lesson while (below) members of the Weight Watchers class celebrate their latest weight loss



Welcome to the house of fun...and learning

ADD oak-panelled Shrewsbury House to hidden treasures in the borough that demand to be discovered.

It takes some finding, tucked away in leafy Bushmoor Crescent, Shooters Hill - too narrow for even a hop-on bus - but more than worth the effort for anyone looking for an activity or a group looking for a home.

It has 10 rooms, three of them big and the others more than serviceable. "We can use the big rooms for weddings and suchlike," said Cressida Senkus, secretary to a committee of volunteers, whose own involvement started 30 years ago with the children's playgroup.

"Upstairs we have rooms used for Jujitsu, Yoga, dancing and for training events by the council. The natural light is wonderful and would lend itself to an art class. We also have some office space that would be ideal to rent by voluntary groups.

"This is a grand old building,

HOME SECRETARY: Cressida Senkus ensures there's a warm welcome to Shrewsbury House in Bushmoor Crescent



very warm and welcoming, and we're always looking for keen volunteers to join us"

There's also the annexe, a windowless building with 24-inch walls that probably came in handy during the war and, like the main building, is listed.

It's where sassy Joanne Regan runs her dance class, covering freestyle, street and slow under the Dance Fever Promotions banner. "I've been teaching dance for 20 years," said Joanne, "and been here about a year.

I didn't know about it until someone who lives round the corner told me about it. It's lovely, perfect for us."

One of Joanne's star pupils is 14-year-old Ellie Cooke, who lives in Plumstead and competes in freestyle events all over the country.

"I've been doing dance since I was about seven. I've won loads of competitions," said Ellie. "It's really motivating. I love the competitions. When I started with tap and ballet I didn't think I would get serious

about it but I have."

Trudi Salih, from New Eltham, takes her two boys, Joe, nine and seven-year-old Sami, to Jujitsu every Wednesday, watched by three-year-old Tamsin, who already loves her ballet.

"The boys started in a pre-junior class," said Trudi, "and now they've gone up in grade and got their distinctions and really enjoy it.

"They do lots of other sports. I'm a gymnastics coach myself in Greenwich schools. The Jujitsu complements all their other sports and they're doing very well at school - healthy body, healthy mind!"

Joe said: "I started as a red belt and now I'm an orange belt." Sami added: "You can use it if someone picks on you. It gives you confidence. We don't hurt each other, we have pads on."

Short-mat bowls and a swap-shop library are two of the daytime attractions with food and refreshments served by CJ's Café, relocated from Powis Street, Woolwich.

Pay Shrewsbury House a visit

and you'll see all the other activities posted on the wall in front you.

"Bookings are up but we still have spaces for more groups, especially during the day," said Cressida. "Come and join us!"

The 85-strong Weight Watchers class could not be more successful, even though the name of their brilliant "leader" is a bit of a mouthful, Rachel Lambert-Williams.

The club has just added Tuesday night to the regular Wednesday, and Rachel, who lives in Thamesmead, told GT: "Two sisters have been very successful, one of them losing 90 pounds, and the overall weight loss for this year alone has been over 4,000 pounds, more than the weight of a Ford Fiesta.

"The hall is absolutely gorgeous. I was so pleased when I took over here. Stunning scenery, beautiful ceilings and the porter, Mick, is a marvel."

● **FIND out more about Shrewsbury House at www.shrewsburyhouse.info or call 020-8854 3895.**

'Tis one reason to be jolly



FEELIN' HOT HOT HOT! residents enjoy a range of entertainment in the town centre for Saturday's launch event of the Woolwich Winter Warmer

Free weekend parking in Woolwich until Christmas

FESTIVE shoppers can park for free in two of Woolwich's car parks on the last two Saturdays before Christmas. The Calderwood and Monk Street car parks are free to use all day on December 17 and 24 in addition to the usual free parking on Sundays. It's a chance for residents to explore the range of shops and stalls in town centre and to pick up some last-minute gifts. The free parking, which started last Saturday (December 10) is one of the initiatives organised by Greenwich Council to encourage people to shop locally rather than go to out-of-town shopping centres. Last Saturday also saw the

start of a week of free events and activities as part of the Woolwich Winter Warmer. Reindeers and street performers were part of the entertainment which also included a children's lantern parade and a sparkling Christmas tree in General Gordon Square. Shoppers who could produce a receipt from a local shop or stall were also treated to a free mince pie or hot drink. There are further events this week with concerts by local choirs, children's fairground rides and festive screenings on the Big Screen. ● Full details of Woolwich Winter Warmer events this week at www.greenwich.gov.uk



1 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

On Saturday 17th December join us at 7.00pm, where the Greenwich Community Youth Band and Choir will be performing a selection of traditional and modern Christmas songs. Enjoy the plethora of stalls selling locally produced gifts and produce. Tudor Barn Eltham will be providing a Hog Roast and will also be giving out free mulled wine and mince pies so bring the children along to this free event and get them to decorate a star for the tree!



2 GREENWICH SOUL CHOIR

On Sunday 18th December join the Greenwich Soul Choir for their annual Christmas concert! Fun for the whole family, this is a free event and starts from 3.00pm with mulled wine and cash bar available throughout the event.

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3 CHRISTMAS DAY

Our hugely popular Christmas Day celebration treats guest to a touch of luxury and relaxation and includes a drink on arrival, a sumptuous four course meal, traditional table and room decorations. Book before 12th December and buy your tickets for only £65.00 per adult or £32.50 for children (3 to 11 years). Terms and conditions apply.



HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Keep the holiday eating party going with a celebratory brunch... and then go for a very long walk in the Well Hall Pleasance.

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5 NEW YEARS EVE

Join us for the best party of the year and a night of decadent celebration. Three course meal followed by party band, fun casino and resident DJ until 2.00am, this will truly be a night to remember! Tickets start from just £30.00 per person and children are welcome.



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Great call from China

ON THE MAP: Cllr Denise Hyland visits Greenwich Digital Enterprise with members of the Aigo Enterprise Alliance

GREENWICH Peninsula is top of the list of UK locations for a contingent of Chinese business-owners looking for a base in Europe.

Around 15 business leaders flew in from China to explore the area last weekend as part of their plans to set up European branches for 500 leading Chinese companies.

The entrepreneurs included chief executives and presidents of ten leading companies which are all members of the prestigious Aigo Entrepreneurs Alliance.

The Alliance aims to set up a European centre for its businesses where it can promote Chinese brands and build up links with leading businesses in Europe. It is also looking at possible bases in Belgium, Denmark and Holland but Greenwich Peninsula has been earmarked as the favoured location for a UK base.

If Greenwich is chosen, it would bring jobs to the area as well as enhancing Greenwich Peninsula's reputation as an important business district.

The business leaders met council

and government officials who work to promote overseas investment into the UK.

The delegation was officially welcomed by Cllr Denise Hyland, the council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills.

Cllr Hyland told GT: "It is clear to me that the delegation went away with a very positive impression of Greenwich."

"We shared many ideas about how we might work together in the future and how we might link the Alliance members to local businesses. We will have to wait to see if they choose the UK over other European Countries."

"But whatever the outcome, it is very satisfying that Greenwich is their first choice within London."

"We have worked very hard to get to a position where Greenwich is seen as a prime business location. It is a very positive sign as we go into 2012 when the borough will receive an unprecedented international profile."

Plans are being made for a follow-up visit in February.

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• More details 0845 459 2351 or www.tudorbarneltham.co.uk

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).
Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel - Thursday December 15, 7.00pm

Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel - Monday Dec 19, 6.30 pm

More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings

Pantomime horse race? Oh, yes it is!

THE surreally wonderful spectacle of the Greenwich Charity Pantomime Horse Race canter into Greenwich town centre this weekend.

The four-legged race runs from Devonshire House to the Morden Arms in aid of Demelza children's hospice on Sunday, December 18.

The 10 "horses" will gallop through the back streets of Greenwich in their quest for the 2011 'Sugarcube Award'.

Last year's debut race was a resounding success which saw the Greenwich community come out in force and help raise

£1000 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. The cast of Aladdin - performing to rave reviews at Greenwich Theatre this year - will make a brief appearance. They won't be around furlong, sorry, for long, as they have to be back at the theatre for the matinee.

Organiser Mark Biddis, said: "Every penny raised goes directly to the hospice." Gates open at Devonshire House at 12.15pm on the day.

● To donate, go to www.pantomimehorse.org to make a donation. More info on Facebook and Twitter @ GreenwichPH-Race.



UNDER STARTERS ORDERS: (or should that be 'last orders'?) 2010 race kicked off at Rose and Crown

Mice-infested shop closed by council

Inspectors find dead rodent in a box of tissues

ENVIRONMENTAL health inspectors who found a major mouse infestation at a grocery store in Plumstead noticed that the mice had eaten the outside of a chocolate bar but left the honeycomb centre.

The mice had also gnawed bags of flour, pasta, peanuts and rice, plus nine packets of plantain crisps, Bromley Magistrates' Court heard.

There were mouse droppings on or next to apples, table salt and drinks, plus numerous mouse droppings on the shelves and on the floor.

Menvo Limited and Mr Joseph Kantsa, joint food business operators of Menvo Food and Wine in Plumstead Common Road were prosecuted for food hygiene offences.

The infestation was found during a routine inspection on July 19, 2010. The officers found numerous food items gnawed by mice or contaminated with droppings. A dead mouse was found in a box of tissues in the basement.

The business employed two pest control companies to visit the premises to try and treat the infestation. They commented: "Bad smell in shop of rodents, heavy mice activity in all areas...a lot of evidence of mice." Their recommendations - including a deep clean of all rubbish and dropping - were ignored.

Due to the major mouse infestation, contamination



INFESTED: some of what environmental health inspectors found in the store in Plumstead Common Road. The mouse (inset), ate chocolate but didn't like honeycomb (right)

of food being placed on sale to the public and the lack of hot water, the premises were formally closed on the day of the inspection.

The premises were closed for one week and not allowed to reopen until the premises were thoroughly cleaned and the mouse infestation controlled.

The director of Menvo Limited, Mr Godwin Okri, a qualified barrister, pleaded not guilty on behalf of the company at Bromley Magistrates' Court. However, the court fined the company £5,000 with £3,000 costs.

Mr Joseph Kantsa initially pleaded not guilty to some offences. But he then pleaded guilty to all of them at Woolwich Crown Court on December 7. He was fined £5,000.

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for community safety and environment, told GT: "The vast majority of food businesses ensure that the food they supply to residents and visitors to Greenwich is safe."

"Almost all owners work with our Environmental Health teams to keep their premises

clean and pest free. To close a food business is very rare, but in this case we were left with no option.

"There was a history of one of the owners ignoring his own pest control advice and previous legal action to allow the same offences to be repeated. The owners clearly failed to protect their customers by putting their own profits ahead of public health."

● FOOD business operators are encouraged to contact the council on 020 8921 8186 for information and advice.

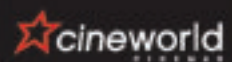


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Playground to podium!

PARKS and open spaces across the borough are getting a revamp in time for the 2012 Games. GT went to find out more...

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The lasting legacy

THOUSANDS of local people now have the opportunity to get fit and have fun at the same time as a result of Greenwich Council's much admired Playground to Podium initiative.

They are now enjoying the exciting new facilities that have been provided in the borough's parks and open spaces as a result of funding totalling £4.8 million that the council has been able to secure.

The list of new facilities includes outdoor gyms, modernised play areas and revitalised sports grounds. Some are already up and running, while others are on the way. Sports facilities at Crown Woods and Thomas Tallis schools, which include badminton, and basketball courts and a dojo for martial arts, will be open to the public next year.

Charlton Lido is being redesigned to provide a modern, heated pool offering year-round swimming and easier disabled access. Over at Hornfair Park youngsters are enjoying a new BMX track alongside new changing rooms at the lido.

All of the new play and sporting facilities are designed to help keep people of all ages fit and active, providing a lasting legacy long after the 2012 Olympic Games are over. The Playground to Podium schemes are happening alongside plans to help more parks in Greenwich achieve Green Flag status, and the decision to plant 2012 trees across the borough. The council is committed to getting 12 public parks up to the prestigious 'Green Flag' standard by 2012. Chris Roberts, the Leader of Greenwich Council, said: "There is no doubt that Greenwich will be one of the centres of world attention for next year's Olympics and Paralympics. But long after they are over, our Playground to Podium initiative will provide an ongoing legacy for our young people."



EARLY EXERCISE: restaurant owner Mahendra Kande spends an hour at the outdoor gym each morning before work

Early morning

MAHENDRA Kandel is not particularly sporty but passionate about keeping fit and healthy. Every morning he spends an hour in Charlton Park, 30 minutes power-walking around the park and 30 on the apparatus in the outdoor gym. GT met 38-year-old Mahendra - who runs the Yak and Yeti Nepalese restaurant in Eltham - on a freezing cold Tuesday morning, December 6, and was told: "It is great to have this here and I think the

Legacy

OLYMPIC LEGACY

BMX-citing times for all

HORNFAIR Park in Charlton is an excellent example of the success of Playground to Podium.

The initiative is leaving it with a lasting legacy as a multi-sports hub, with new sports pitches, new changing rooms and the redeveloped Charlton Lido. But the biggest attraction to date has been the BMX track.

BMX is now an Olympic sport and will be an integral part of the London 2012 Games. The Charlton track is linked with the six other BMX tracks in the 2012 Olympic host boroughs and to the facilities in the Olympic Park.

The track was opened by the Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Jim Gillman, in September. He said: "This has given us something to be proud of. For many years Hornfair Park has been under-used, but when all the new facilities are completed it will be one of our gems. Let's hope the future will see this park flourishing."

A newly-formed club, Greenwich BMX, meets on Saturday mornings. Sessions are run by qualified coaches, with volunteers helping to run the club.

Children from the two primary schools nearby, Charlton Manor and Cherry Orchard, have already had coaching by professionals from the British Cycling organisation. They went along to the opening and came away very impressed. Alieu Bao, 10, from Charlton Manor, said: "It's pretty good, and good for exercise as well. I've been riding a bike since I was five, and I want to do it for years to come." Schoolmate Colby Pearson-Watson, 11, added: "This track is really good for beginners, and it will make more people come to Hornfair Park."

Adults also gave the BMX track the thumbs-up. Parents Tony and Nikky said: "Thanks for all your hard work in setting up such a great facility. We really think this sort of activity is key in tackling boredom in teens and battling anti-social behaviour. It gives kids a focus and keeps them off the streets. Well done to Greenwich Council for doing it so well."

Alastair Findlay from British Cycling said: "This is a great facility for young people in the area. It helps them learn new skills, keeps them fit and allows them to take part in competitions. It's really excellent."

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Alastair Findlay at alastairfindlay@britishcycling.org.uk

PARK PALS: Council leader Chris Roberts and Charlton ward councillor Alan MacCarthy join Year 4 pupils from Cherry Orchard primary school to check out the outdoor gym at Charlton Park

g exercise is Mahendra's way

government should emphasise the importance of fitness more. "I have never done much sport, just fitness and healthy eating. My parents had diabetes and lots of other things so I am trying to make sure it doesn't happen to me. "I have three children, all boys, and I am trying to teach the same thing to them. They come with me over the weekend and in the summertime we play sports in the park. The council is right to spend on these facilities." Mahendra, who also has Yak and

Yeti restaurants in Crystal Palace, Orpington and Bromley, pointed at the various pieces of apparatus and said: "I do 25 on that one, 100 on this one, 25 here and 30 or 40 over there. "I enjoy it because it is doing me so much good. I also tell my staff to think about their health and fitness because it affects the whole of life. "My own weight went up to 82 kilos but now it is 74 and I want to keep it at that. I think everyone should create the time for exercise."



Playground to Podium sites across the borough



Abbey Wood



Plumstead



Avery Hill



Hornfair Park



Outdoor gyms

Abbey Wood Park
Avery Hill Park
Bostall Gardens
Bostall Heath
Charlton Park
Coldharbour
Eltham Park South
Fairy Hill Park
Horn Park
Kidbrooke Green
Oxleas Wood
Queenscroft Park
Southwood Road Park
Sutcliffe Park
Two sites - Blackheath and Eaglesfield - are under way.

Cricket Nets

4 completely refurbished nets and playing surfaces to Bostall Heath
2 new nets and playing surfaces to Plumstead Gardens

Bowls Clubs

Bostall Heath and Plumstead Common bowls clubs have been refurbished and redecorated
New bowls green for Blackheath Bowling Club

Tennis courts

2 hard tennis courts at Bostall Gardens have been resurfaced, re-netted and re-fenced
2 refurbished tennis courts at Maryon Park
6 improved tennis courts at Eltham Park South

MUGA areas (Multi Use Games Area)

A new 40m x 20m MUGA has been constructed in Avery Hill Park and a new 36m x 18m MUGA in Plumstead Gardens

Playgrounds

New play equipment has been installed at eight locations:
Plumstead Gardens
Sunbury Street
Villas Road

Well Hall Pleasaunce
Winns Common
Chiswell Square
Abbey Wood Park
Avery Hill Park

Outdoor table tennis

East Greenwich Pleasaunce
Avery Hill Park
Charlton Park
Sutcliffe Park

Boules piste

Full competition standard boules piste has been installed to Avery Hill Park

Changing rooms

Two sets of changing rooms at Charlton Park have been refurbished and redecorated and one has been re-roofed

Café

New Green Apple award-winning café and accessible public toilets constructed to Avery Hill Park

Other

Tree surgery work, path renewal and replacement, path lighting and new tree planting to Avery Hill Park along with new perimeter fencing.
Landscape improvements to Eltham Park South, Fairy Hill Park, Horn Park
Pond reconstruction at Eaglesfield Park

Whole lotta love for Led Zeppelin legend

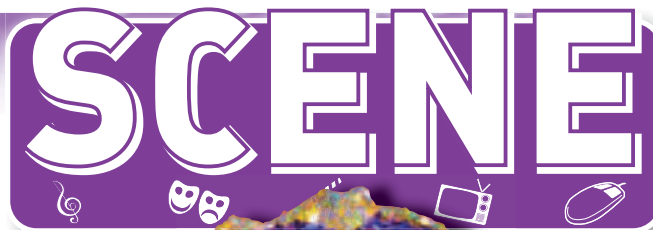
LED ZEPPLIN rocker John Paul Jones received an Honorary Fellowship from Trinity Laban last week.

The former Blackheath schoolboy and bass player with

the supergroup was given the award on December 8. Multi-instrumentalist Jones has excelled in many styles of music including jazz and classical. As well as bass, he also played

keyboards and mandolin in the band alongside guitarist Jimmy Page, singer Robert Plant and drummer John Bonham.

● For more information go to www.trinitylaban.ac.uk



Greenwich Theatre's panto is pure genie-us, says Peter Cordwell...



BY the end, six-year-old Aimee and five-year-old friends Charlotte and Evie were literally dancing in the aisles. Evie had even managed to avert some eyes from the stage earlier by doing her own captivating Egyptian dance.

Eight-year-old Harrison, going through that cool "Boring!" phase, was soon hissing venom at the villain with the best of them at the packed arena.

It was that kind of wonderful, carefree night at the famed Greenwich Theatre panto. When the standard at Greenwich is so high, you have to think carefully before calling *Aladdin* the best in years but, well, it was the best in years.

The key, as with *Spongebob's* krabby patties, is to stick to the secret ingredients and not be seduced into including B-list celebrities – you know, Jamie Redknapp as Buttons, or Jodie Marsh as Widow Twankey.

Our three girls eschewed "the new woman" by all nominating *Aladdin* (Adam Dougal) and Princess So-Shy (Laura Wickham) as their favourite characters, whereas we adults – and Harrison – went for the villainous Abanazar (Anthony Spargo) and the exhilarating genie (Daniel Norfold), who took exciting proceedings to an even higher level the moment he whooshed onto the stage.

There was a hint of Rik Mayall and a dollop of Basil Fawlty in Anthony's Abanazar – not a bad

mixture. And Andrew Pollard, who did the writing again and played Widow O'Twankey, player-managed the team with his usual aplomb as he approaches legendary status at the theatre. Some of his entendres are doubted but never anywhere near the realm of Manning. Even Abanazar is magicked into a good guy before the end.

The widow's laundry scene with avuncular Emperor Fu

(Paul Critoph) – involving a shirt short, as opposed to a short shirt – didn't go quite as far as the vessel with the pestle – but not far off. *Aladdin's* magic carpet clearly contravened health and safety, but I won't tell anyone if you don't.

Musical director and pianist Steve Markwick kept things chooglin' from down in the pit and was quite rightly included in the rollicking standing ovation.

Aladdin is one to take your kids – and the kid in you – to as a Christmas treat or an antidote to the January blues. *Cinderella* had extra performances last year by public demand. *Aladdin*, sponsored by Lamps R Us, is bound to as well.

On at Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill until January 8. Book on 020 8858 7755 or go to www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk

Now that's magic!



Aladdin is on now until Jan 8 at Greenwich Theatre

...and Mother Goose wasn't bad either!



OH no they didn't! Oh yes they did! The Tyler Theatre at Eltham Green dazzled with its production of *Mother Goose*.

It had everything: the villain of the piece – the Demon of Discontent, the village idiot, and star of the show *Mother Goose* laying jokes by the dozen.

Demon was hilariously portrayed by Stuart Mitchell-Smith, who stirred the proverbial pot to great effect. The audience as one gasped at *Mother Goose's* vanity which she let drag her down. There was plenty of interaction with the audience – as you'd expect from a panto. In particular from Silly

Billy (played by Robert McCaffrey) who we obediently greeted every time he came on stage, with a rapturous "Hello Billy!" from grown-ups and children alike. The Demon was greeted with the usual hiss and boos – which he lapped up. *Mother Goose* had us all in fits with his unstoppable wit.

"I want to give my children a nice square meal," he said, before presenting a giant – and perfectly square – Oxo cube. And there were plenty of references to Greenwich. "We're not like those folks down in Blackheath who eat their fish and chips with gloves on, we eat the good old way here in Eltham," Billy joked.



QUACKERS: *Mother Goose* was on at Eltham Green

There were commendable special effects with strobe lighting, smoke and sound effects and the background set changed at least five times. Not bad for a small theatre.

Overall the show had all the ingredients you'd want in a panto for people of all ages. The moral of the story? "It doesn't matter how you look, as long as you have friends," was a nice message for the kids. Promising stuff from the Tyler Theatre company which hasn't put on a pantomime for a long time. Hopefully it will become it a regular fixture.

8/10
Grace Lipski

Having a laugh

IT'S a laugh a minute at the Woolwich Grand Theatre's comedy night this Thursday, December 15.

Up-and-coming comics take to the stage from 7pm. Turn up early to bag a free mince pie or two.

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● For more info go to www.thewoolwichgrandtheatre.com

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Greenwich Council

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 266

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.

For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on *Wednesday 21 December 2011 at midday* and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on *Sunday 18 December 2011*.

Please note: Edition 268 will be an internet only.

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :
French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich (Guri-ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashao) Khadka Ku-tartanka waxaa laga helaa:
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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Only priority applicants can apply



Ref Number: 145018
**Valleyside
Lansdowne La SE7**
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£88.95pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 146904
**Bolton Hse
Tuskar St SE10**
Bedsit Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
£80.46pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 147044
**Commonwealth Way
SE2**
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£82.87pw Bands A&B



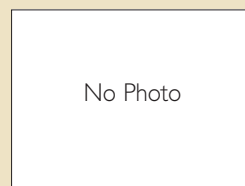
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**Commonwealth Way
SE2**
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£74.74pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 147084
**Viking Hse
Pett St SE18**
3 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£103.84pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 147087
Bexley Rd SE9
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£92.63pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 147099
Edgeworth Rd SE9
3 Bed Hse
Rad C/H
£107.38pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 147100
Buckler Gdns SE9
3 Bed Hse
Rad C/H
£110.44pw Bands A&B

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

Christmas Edition:

**Edition 267
Greenwich
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Only**

**Edition 268
Website Only**

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Small is beautiful the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

- 3 bedroom to a 1 bedroom home
- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to a 1 or 2 bedroom home
- 5 bedroom to a 3 bedroom (or smaller) home

For more information contact the Project Team on

020 8921 2671

textphone: 020 8921 2996/2657

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 83440
Whinchat Rd SE28
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£90.95pw Band C



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 111066
Heath Villas SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Elec Rad Min 1 child No dogs
£109.15pw Band C



Ref Number: 144505
Rixon Hse Barnfield Rd SE18
Bedsit 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£73.89pw Band C



Ref Number: 146384
Plumstead High St SE18
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Warm Air
£77.15pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 146425
Austen Ct SE28
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H Over 40's
No dogs
£94.68pw Bands C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 146709
Raymond Postgate Ct Tawney Rd SE28
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£94.55pw Band C



Ref Number: 146724
Rixon Hse Barnfield Rd SE18
Bedsit Grnd Flr Flat
Rad C/H
£73.89pw Band C



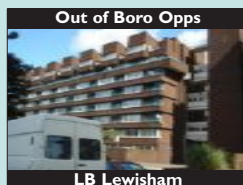
Ref Number: 146744
Villas Rd SE18
1 Bed 6th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£71.92pw Band C



Ref Number: 147025
Coltness Cres SE2
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£74.74pw Band C



Ref Number: 147098
Flaxton Rd SE18
2 Bed Hse Gdn
Gas Fire & Rad C/H No pkg
Min 1 child under 16
£101.68pw Band C



Out of Boro Opps

Ref Number: 147104
Harman Hse Bowditch Deptford SE8
2 Bed 6th Flr Mais
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£104.47pw Band C



Ref Number: 147125
The Oaks SE18
2 Bed 12th Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£92.58pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 147224
Raymond Postgate Ct Tawney Rd SE28
1 Bed 7th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£85.61pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 147225
Wren Path SE28
1 Bed Grd Flr Flat
Rad C/H
Entry phn No dogs
Over 40's
£93.14pw Band C

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Seaside and Country Scheme

This scheme offers one and two bedroom flats and bungalows on the Coast and in the countryside, in the South East and West of England.

In order to be considered you must be:

- A Council or Housing Association tenant
- At least 60 years old (if someone is moving with you they must be over 55 years old).

Your removal costs will be met if you are a Council tenant and you do move to a Seaside and Country home. To register, or find out more about the scheme, contact the Access and Allocation section on Tel: 020 8921 2941
Textphone 020 8921 2996/2657.

If you are a Housing Association tenant you need to contact your landlord to register. Further information is available from the scheme management organisation at www.housingmoves.org

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **020 8921 2671/2685**.

All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include;
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One Person Properties

Langton Way ,Blackheath, SE3,

Second floor; Studio Flat.

Sam Manners House, Greenwich, SE10,

Ground Floor; Studio Flat.

Two Person Properties

No Vacancies

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 263

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Besant Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BL	2	FLAT	177	14/09/2009	C
Hastings House Mulgrave Road SE18 5RN	2	FLAT	193	05/03/2009	C
Maxey Road SE18 7ET	2	MAISONETTE	22	30/08/2011	B
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5HS	3	PARLOUR HSE	77	15/07/2002	A
The Heights SE7 8JJ	1	FLAT	331	05/02/2007	C
Eynsham Drive SE2 9PU	2	FLAT	23	29/04/2009	C
Edington Road SE2 9JU	2	FLAT	207	02/01/2009	C
Shawbrooke Road SE9 6AH	3	PARLOUR HSE	90	08/10/2008	B
Commonwealth Way SE2 0LB	1	FLAT	217	14/11/2008	C
Kashmir Road SE7 8QL	3	HOUSE	80	10/11/2003	A
Sidcup Road SE9 3SA	1	FLAT	263	11/09/2007	C
Keynes Court Attlee Road Thamesmead SE28 8DL	2	FLAT	140	17/11/2009	C
Beveridge Court Saunders Way Thamesmead SE28 8DZ	1	FLAT	158	16/02/2009	C
Sowerby Close SE9 6EZ	1	FLAT	203	21/10/2009	C
Greyfriars House Coleraine Road SE3 7NX	0	FLAT	33	29/04/2010	B
Henwick Road SE9 6NZ	1	FLAT		withdrawn	
Bostall Hill SE2 0RB	2	FLAT	17	31/03/2011	B
Thornham Street SE10 9SA	2	FLAT	17	12/07/2010	B
Ann Street SE18 7LS	2	MAISONETTE	17	10/01/2011	B
Strongbow Crescent SE9 1DR	2	FLAT	20	01/04/2011	B
Admaston Road SE18 2TU	2	HOUSE	52	08/06/2009	A
Thanington Court Restons Crescent SE9 2JF	2	FLAT	13	07/04/2008	C
Troy Court Helen Street SE18 6RQ	0	FLAT	61	18/06/2009	C
Camdale Road SE18 2DT	2	BUNGALOW	53	13/01/2007	A

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Warming news for the cold front

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
OGLBY STREET

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council has made an Order to accommodate utility works in Ogilby Street. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Ogilby Street, between its junctions with Frances Street and Dairy Lane.
2. The above road closure will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works will be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Whilst the road closure is in operation, vehicular traffic will be diverted via Frances Street, Sidcott Street and Dairy Lane, and vice versa, all as directed by traffic signs.
4. The Order will come into force on 14th January 2012 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will take five days to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6240.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6QT
Dated 13th December 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 1424009)

Greenwich Council

HEALTH advisors are offering support to older people, families with small children, and those worried about fuel bills as it begins to get colder this winter.

NHS Greenwich is giving advice and support as part of this year's national Keep Warm, Keep Well campaign.

As well as offering practical tips on how to keep warm, the health authority is reminding residents that many borough GP surgeries and health centres now

have longer opening hours, including evenings and weekends. Pharmacists are also on hand to give health advice about winter illnesses without having to make an appointment. People are also being advised to have their seasonal flu jab especially those who are over 65 years old, have a long-term condition, are a carer or are pregnant as they are entitled to the free vaccination. Patients can go to their GP, or one of 18 Greenwich offering the jab.

"Being warm and well during winter can keep coughs and colds at bay, but can also protect you from serious illnesses such as pneumonia," said David Sturgeon, the director of primary care and community transformation at NHS Greenwich. "This is especially important if you already have a long-term condition, such as heart disease or breathing problems." People who are struggling with their fuel bills can get

financial help, such as the Winter Fuel Payment. Find out more on 0845 915 1515.

● Sign up for an e-alert for information on services in the event of bad weather at www.greenwich.gov.uk/e-alert

A list of the 18 Greenwich pharmacies offering the flu jab and a Department of Health booklet called Keep Warm, Keep Well, is available at the NHS website at <http://tinyurl.com/35fd9rd>

London Borough of Greenwich
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)
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Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays at:-

Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT
or at the Library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 14/12/2011

Steve Palmer - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity for Planning Applications

Applicant: Ultimate Housing Ltd FLAT 2, 32 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH, SE10 8LW Development: Retention of 3-bed flat over first, second and third floors. Drawing Numbers: A101 Rev F, Previously approved drawings 090416/01, 02, 03, 04 & 05 and Design & Access Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: KIDBROOKE TRIANGLE	Applicant: Vodafone Ltd RIVERSIDE HOUSE, WOOLWICH HIGH STREET, WOOLWICH, SE18 6DN Development: The installation of 3 no. 02 antennas on the roof of the building and installation of associated equipment within existing cabin. Drawing Numbers: 1328-027/100/Location Map, 1328-027/200/Site Location Plan, 1328-027/201A, 1328-027/301A, 1328-027/400A, 1328-027/401, 1328-027/500, RNNP Declaration, Health and Mobile Phone Base Stations, Doc 001, Supporting Technical Information, Site Specific Supplementary Information and Design and Access Statement, Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	11/2447/F	11/2818/F
Applicant: Mrs Joanna Sterling BERNERSMEDE, 61 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, SE3 9SH Development: Installation of disability access ramp to front entrance. Drawing Numbers: P01, P02, P03, P04, P05, Design & Access Statement, Cover letter dated 25/11/11 and site plan. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	Applicant: SIS (Ladbroke's) EQUITABLE HOUSE, 27 GREENS END, WOOLWICH, SE18 6JY Development: Installation of a satellite dish on a steel wall bracket on the roof of existing building. Drawing Numbers: 1405/11/1, Satellite Dish Specification, Block plan, Site location plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Conservation Area:	11/2746/F	11/2834/F
Applicant: '3' THE MITRE, 291 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8NA Development: Installation of a 300 millimetre diameter telecommunications dish on a new support pole fixed to the roof. Drawing Numbers: SE8054-051 A, 052 A, 053 A, 054 A, Supplementary Information Form incorporating Design & Access Statement and Heritage Statement, Photosheet and Site Plan. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	Applicant: '3' THE MITRE, 291 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8NA Development: Installation of a 300 millimetre diameter telecommunications dish on a new support pole fixed to the roof. Drawing Numbers: SE8054-051 A, 052 A, 053 A, 054 A, Supplementary Information Form incorporating Design & Access Statement and Heritage Statement, Photosheet and Site Plan. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	11/2771/F	11/2772/L
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Corrie-Hill 11 BROOKWAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9BJ Development: Construction of single storey rear and 2-storey side extensions. Drawing Numbers: 2472/010, 011, 012, 010, 101, 102, Design & Access Statement and Site plan. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Anchery Road SE9 1BA Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	Applicant: SIS (Ladbroke's) EQUITABLE HOUSE, 27 GREENS END, WOOLWICH, SE18 6JY Development: Installation of a satellite dish on a steel wall bracket on the roof of existing building. Drawing Numbers: 1405/11/1, Satellite Dish Specification, Block plan, Site location plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Conservation Area: Grade 2	11/2783/F	11/2835/L
Applicant: Mr Frost LAND TO REAR OF 33 KIDBROOKE GROVE, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 0LE Development: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a two storey 3-bed house over basement. Drawing Numbers: Design and Access Statement (including Drawings, Site Plan) and Planning Statement. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH	Applicant: Mr Frost LAND TO REAR OF 33 KIDBROOKE GROVE, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 0LE Development: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a two storey 3-bed house over basement. Drawing Numbers: Design and Access Statement (including Drawings, Site Plan) and Planning Statement. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH	11/2784/F	11/2785/C
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fitness lessons, then connect with a few more schools, including Plumstead Manor, in the new year.

"All this is to give both groups of children a chance to see what sport is like from their different standpoints. That's why we put some able-bodied students in wheelchairs today to show what's it's like to compete in them."

Ed said: "The two headteachers had the

idea for this from their conference. Educationally, the Paralympics have more weight than the Olympics. They go so much further in terms of learning.

"I didn't even know about these paralympic sports until

quite recently, so it's great for Charlton Manor children to be exposed to them. It was great to get Andy and the Mayor here and we're hoping to do a follow-up next summer."

Medals were presented by Andy and Cllr Gillman, who

told GT: "With the Olympic and Paralympic Games coming next year, events like this do a great deal to encourage awareness and participation, and it was very inspiring to see such enthusiasm from all the children taking part."

FUN AND GAMES: primary school pupils try table tennis and new age kurling, while above, the mayor lends a hand

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE -
GREENWICH HIGH ROAD

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council has made an Order to accommodate plant works in Greenwich High Road. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Greenwich High Road, between its junction with Burgon Grove and Devonshire Drive.
2. Parking suspensions may also be imposed in the affected length of Greenwich High Road, where appropriate.
3. The above road closure will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works will be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
4. Whilst the road closure specified in paragraph 1 to this Notice is in operation, the alternative route for traffic affected by the road closure will be via Blackheath Road and Greenwich South Street, as directed by traffic signs.
5. The Order will come into force on 17th December 2011 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will commence at 7.00 a.m. on 17th December 2011 and be completed by 8.00 p.m. on 18th December 2011.
6. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6340.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE -
CHARLTON LANE

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to accommodate railway maintenance works in Charlton Lane. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Charlton Lane, between Hildon Close and 3 point 40 metres north of Pound Park Road.
2. The above road closure would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Whilst the road closure specified in paragraph 1 to this Notice is in operation:
 - (a) traffic proceeding northbound on Charlton Lane towards the level crossing would be diverted via Pound Park Road, Woodland Terrace, Prospect Vale, Woolwich Church Street (A206) and Woolwich Road (A206); and
 - (b) traffic proceeding westbound on Woolwich Road (A206) towards Charlton Lane would be diverted via Woolwich Road (A206), Charlton Church Lane, Royd Road and Harvey Gardens, all as directed by traffic signs.
4. The Order would come into force on 8th January 2012 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would commence at 9.00 a.m. on 8th January 2012 and be completed by 4.00 a.m. on 9th January 2012.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6340.

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Pupils mix together to compete in paralympic-style event

by Peter Cordwell

DISABLED and able-bodied children mixed together to compete in a special paralympic-style event in front of local wheelchair rugby star Andy Barrow.

The man who has captained and won gold medals for Great Britain was clearly impressed when his pre-tournament talk inspired the children to fire back the need for "friendship, respect and determination" in sport.

Year 5 and 6 Pupils from Charlton Manor primary school went to Charlton School to try the "inclusive" sports of boccia, new age kurling, polybat and goal-ball. Some of them competed in wheelchairs to experience what some of their hosts do every day.

Ten-year-old Markus Johnson told GT: "I think today is great fun and it made me realise how lucky we are. It made me understand on how some other children live."

"I liked the kurling and the boccia. I was a little bit nervous before we came but now I feel much more comfortable about it."

Charlton School pupil Charlie Harknett, aged 12, said: "I've liked meeting new people, making new friends. It's like getting to know people around the world. I've been here two years now and like ICT best. At the moment we're making a calendar."

His PE teacher, Neal Collard, helped to organise the event with Charlton Manor PE co-ordinator Ed Price. Neal, who has been at the school for three years and has moved to Shooters Hill from Croydon, said: "Today is all about getting some mainstream pupils from Charlton Manor linked together with our special students and give them a different insight into paralympic sports."

"We hope to build on it by going to Woolwich Poly secondary school tomorrow to take part in one of their

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ANDY STYLE: Andy Barrow, expected to be in the Team GB squad for the wheelchair rugby at next year's Paralympic Games in London, has a go at the new age kurling

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